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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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S I R:

Prior to any action in the above captioned case, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, line 2, after Title of the Invention, please insert the following: --**CROSS
REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.** This is a division of U.S. Patent
Application serial number 09/584,943 filed on June 1, 2000.--

In the claims:

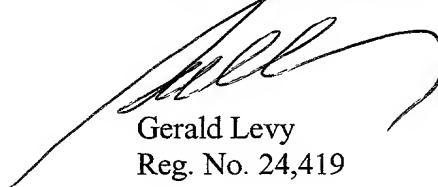
Cancel claims 1 – 12 and 15.

Remarks

The present amendment is being submitted herewith to cancel all of the claims of the
parent case, except for claims 13 and 14 for prosecution in the divisional application filed
herewith.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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